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DECREE

Having received the recommendation of the Episcopal Vicar for Windsor-Essex and those charged with the study of the reorganization of parishes in that region, and having consulted with the Council of Priests of the Diocese of London on November 4, 2025, in accordance with canon 515, §2, I, Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., Bishop of London, do hereby decree that Immaculate Heart Parish in the city of Windsor in the province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as *Immaculate Heart Parish*), canonically established on January 1, 2007, be canonically suppressed effective February 1, 2026. I further decree that the territorial boundaries of Immaculate Heart Parish be absorbed and amalgamated into those of St. Michael Parish, to be canonically established on February 1, 2026, in the city of Windsor in the province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as *St. Michael Parish*).

The reasons for this action are:

- Immaculate Heart Parish was created by the fusion of Immaculate Conception Parish in the central region of the city of Windsor and Sacred Heart Parish also in the core of the city of Windsor on January 1, 2007.
- Since its erection, Immaculate Heart Parish has utilized St. Michael German Church in the city of Windsor in the province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as *St. Michael German Church*) as its parochial home. (This arrangement included the sharing of costs between the two communities for the maintenance of the church building.)
- With the progressive diminishment of St. Michael German Parish in the city of Windsor in the province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as *St. Michael German Parish*) over the recent years, Immaculate Heart Parish has taken in the majority share of financial responsibility for St. Michael German Church.
- In the conversations that were held on October 15, 2025 on the history, current reality and future hopes of these two parishes, there was unanimous support by those in attendance, and endorsed by the pastoral leadership of these

communities, for the proposal to establish one territorial parish under the name “St. Michael Parish”. This title would honour both the church building where Immaculate Heart Parish has made its home since its establishment and the members of the German Catholic community that built and sustained it.

- The creation of a new territorial parish with the title “St. Michael Parish” will allow the two communities of St. Michael German Parish and Immaculate Heart Parish to continue growing together and give a canonical structure to the shared reality that has been theirs for nearly two decades.

In conformity to the norms set out in canon 121, I also decree that the patrimonial goods and rights of Immaculate Heart Parish, along with its liabilities, will from the date of its suppression obtain and belong to St. Michael Parish, with every care to be taken that in the arrangements for the goods and the discharge of obligations, the wishes of founders and benefactors and any acquired rights are fully safeguarded.


Furthermore, in order to provide easier access to the faithful, I decree that the sacramental records of Immaculate Heart Parish be transferred to and maintained by St. Michael Parish.

I direct that this decree be published in Immaculate Heart Parish, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and by a suitable means throughout the Diocese of London, with the understanding that any who wish to make recourse against it, in accordance with canon 1734, §1-2, must do so in writing within ten (10) canonical days from the time this decree was lawfully notified.

Given at London in the province of Ontario this sixteenth day of January in the year two thousand and twenty-six.


Bishop of London




Chancellor of the Diocese of London